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Funding helps county fight homelessness

Nine Snohomish County nonprofits serving the homeless will celebrate the holidays by sharing more than \$4 million in federal funding.

The grants are part of \$36.7 million recently issued by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to 185 homeless programs in Washington State.

Each of the organizations is supported in part by Snohomish County and helps the county further its mission to end homelessness. Among those receiving funds is the YWCA of Seattle-King County-Snohomish County with more than \$2.5 million.

“Snohomish County is working hard to end homelessness, so it’s exciting to hear that agencies cooperating with us are the recipients of such funding,” said County Executive Aaron Reardon. “If our plan is to find permanent housing for families and individuals in this county, then we must work together to accomplish that goal.”

Only the King County-Seattle area received more funding than Snohomish County, demonstrating how well the agencies here work together to assist those in need, Reardon said.

“It’s a testament to the service that these organizations provide,” Reardon said. “During this holiday season, this pot of money is welcome news.”

Also receiving funding is the Salvation Army (\$175,000), Housing Hope (\$356,000), Cocoon House (\$164,000), Volunteers of America Western Washington (74,000), Compass Health (\$312,000), Archdiocesan Housing Authority (\$162,000), Catholic Community Services (\$106,000) and the Snohomish County Center for Battered Women (\$109,000)

Each agency is a partner in the county's 10-year "Everyone at Home Now" plan to end homelessness started in 2006. One of the ways it accomplishes this goal is through the annual Point in Time count, which measures homelessness in Snohomish County. The next count will be held Jan. 24, 2008.

Volunteers help make this annual count successful, and Snohomish County is now gathering names of those who wish to participate.

To volunteer for the annual count, please contact Sola Plumacher at (425) 388-7289.

[Click this link for more information about the "Everyone at Home Now" program.](#)

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